Lawrence Township, New Jersey
Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Call to order

The meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was held on April 16, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Township Building

Attendees

Members in attendance: Paige Johnson, Julia Kessler, Daphne Lyon, Alex Tubridy, James Pulaski, Jorden Steiner and Pat Deeney

Members not in attendance: Tamala Fleming (excused)

Approval of Minutes: Unanimous

Old business:

Potential dates for NJ Civil Rights workshop being explored.

Juneteenth event scheduled for 6/18 is being planned with flyer for Township Facebook publication. Keynote speaker is also being secured.

Roundtable Community Conversation: (participation-about 10 members of the public).

After introductions, Councilmember Farmer shared updates on the Lawrence Town Council DEI priorities and recent activities.

Highlights of State efforts in regards to ICE activity and recent immigration legislation shared.

Public raised several messaging issues:

Diversity of Township needs to be highlighted and celebrated.
Survey of residents was suggested.
Affordable housing efforts in Lawrence not apparent.
Also recommended an Inclusive Diversity Event Calendar for the Township.

Additional concerns:

Policing guidelines given current State positions.
Accessibility of Lawrence Services

New business:

Explore possible roundtable in the Fall with the new Lawrence Policing and Public Safety Director.

Public Participation:

Noted

Adjournment with next meeting: Thursday 5/21/26 at 6:30pm